

An Open Letter from Maude, the Farting Cow

Hi, Maude here.

It's come to my attention that a few Democrats recently introduced a new bill called "The Green New Deal." It's full of all sorts of wonderful ideas, including retrofitting or rebuilding every building in the United States to meet with new energy standards. That doesn't sound too difficult to pull off. I mean, it's not like there are 100s of millions of buildings in the US...

Most of the stuff doesn't affect my life at all. I am a cow. I have simple needs. Grass. Water. Some room to roam. You know. The usual. If I say so myself, I don't really ask a lot from the world around me. Me, and others like me, are simple creatures. So, you will share in my shock and horror that this new bill specifically targets me and my, how to put this delicately, flatulence. This bill wants to eradicate, and I quote, "farting cows."

Excuse me! I will have you know that I suffer from a very common malady among my kind. I have a touch of irritable bowel syndrome. It's no laughing matter by the way. It can be a bit embarrassing from time to time, but the other cows understand exactly what I am dealing with, as so many others have this or similar gastrointestinal issues. It's not like we sit around and try to see who can pass the most gas every day. (Well, Henrietta does that but no one likes her and she is giving us all a bad name.) Sometimes, you just have to let one fly. Is that so wrong? Is this where we are as a society that we are going to not only shame cows that are passing gas but plan to get rid of them? That's a nice way of saying we are going to exterminate all gassy cows. I won't stand for it. (Well, I'll stand because lying down is really hard for a cow, but you

know what I mean.)

So, this letter is for Ms. Ocasio-Cortez (or Ms. Ocasio-Cowhater as I am going to call her from now on) and her friends that helped write this new bill calling for my death. We reject it out of hand! We will have nothing to do with this blatant and offensive bovine shaming. We ask that everyone else, cow or human or any other creature that struggles with a rumbling tummy, stand with us! Say no to the "Green New Deal" and its ridiculous attempt to get rid of cows. Mooove over, sister and let the adults handle things from now on!